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- 1. IN CONSIDERING WHETHER MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE SHOULD BE SENT, DEPARTMENT MAY BE INTERESTED IN FOLLOWING BACKGROUND:
- 2. FRENCH AMBASSADOR HAS SENT PERSONAL LETTER OF CONDOLENCE TO ZHIVKOV AND HAS RECOMMENDED TO PARIS A MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE ON THE GROUND THAT BULGARIA SENT SUCH A MESSAGE ON THE DEATH OF GENERAL DE GUALLE. HE HAS AS YET RECEIVED NO ANSWER.
- 3. BRITISH AMBASSADOR HAS RECOMMENDED THAT FOREIGN OFFICE SUGGEST TO LABOR PARTY THAT IT SEND A MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE ON THE GROUND THAT TRAYKOV, WHEN HE WAS HEAD OF THE FATHER-LAND FRONT, ENTERTAINED CALLAGHAN DURING LATTER'S VISIT HERE AS AN EXPONENT OF THE LABOR PARTY.
- 4. FRG CHARGE HAS SENT LETTERS OF CONDOLENCE TO THE SUCCESSORS OF TRAYKOV IN HIS VARIOUS CAPACITIES (ZHIVKOV AS CHIEF OF STATE, KUBADINSKI OF FATHERLAND FRONT, AND TANCHEV OF AGRARIAN UNION) AND DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER HIS GOVERNMENT WILL SEND CONDOLENCES SPARATELY.

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5. GREEK AMBASSADOR HAS SENT PERSONAL LETTER OF

CONDOLENCE TO PETUR TANCHEV, THE CURRENT HEAD OF THE AGRARIAN UNION, ON THE DEATH OF HIS PREDECESSOR.

6. I INTEND TO FOLLOW THE GREEK AMBASSADOR'S ACTION AND SEND A PERSONAL LETTER TO PETUR TANCHEV, UNLESS ADVISED BY JANUARY 18 THAT THERE WILL BE A MESSAGE FROM WASHINGTON OR THAT DEPT WISHES ME TO TAKE OTHER ACTION. HERZ

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